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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Please amend the above application as follows:

IN THE CLAIMS

Please substitute the following amended claims for corresponding claims previously presented. A copy of the amended claims showing current revisions is attached.

18. (Amended) A reactor as claimed in claim 17 in which the distance between inlets is significantly in excess of the potential flame length.